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S.B. No. 425

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to foster care placement decisions made by the Department
3 of Family and Protective Services.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subsection (e), Section 264.107, Family Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (e) In making placement decisions, the department shall:

8 (1) except when making an emergency placement that
9 does not allow time for the required consultations, consult with
10 the child's caseworker, ~~[and the child's]~~ attorney ad litem, and
11 guardian ad litem and with any~~[, or]~~ court-appointed volunteer
12 advocate for the child ~~[when possible]~~; and

13 (2) use clinical protocols to match a child to the most
14 appropriate placement resource.

15 SECTION 2. Subsection (e), Section 264.107, Family Code, as
16 amended by this Act, applies only to a foster care placement
17 decision made by the Department of Family and Protective Services
18 on or after the effective date of this Act.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.